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Cynthia McClure, Ph.D., to direct Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Marion

Richmond—James S. Reinhard, M.D., Commissioner, announced today that he has hired Cynthia McClaskey McClure, Ph.D., as Director of Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Marion. Dr. McClure has been Acting Director of the Institute for the past year and has worked at the Institute for almost 16 years. In announcing his decision, Dr. Reinhard said, “Dr. McClure has demonstrated her commitment to the people of Southwestern Virginia and to high quality treatment for persons with serious mental illness. She has been instrumental in increasing active treatment at the facility in her roles as Clinical Director and Acting Facility Director. Dr. McClure is a recognized leader in the Commonwealth in the provision of services that improve the lives of persons with serious mental illness and substance abuse through evidence-based treatment and rehabilitation.”

Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Marion is a 176-bed state psychiatric facility, averaging 1400 admissions per year. The hospital employs 560 staff and provides acute inpatient care, medical detoxification, geriatric services, extended rehabilitation, adolescent services, and infirmary services.

Originally from Iowa, Dr. McClure received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from

Indiana University in 1989. She is a licensed Clinical Psychologist, a Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider, and a Forensic Evaluator. In 1986, she served a year-long pre-doctoral clinical internship at Broughton Hospital in Western North Carolina. In that capacity, she developed her clinical skills and was subsequently hired as Psychologist Senior at SWVMHI in August, 1987. In 1991, she was promoted to the position of Clinical Director at the hospital, where she served until accepting the position of Acting Director in April, 2002. Dr. McClure has authored numerous research publications and has made presentations on behavioral healthcare for adults, children and adolescents.

Gerald E. Deans, Assistant Commissioner for Facility Services, who directed SWVMHI until moving to the Central Office of the Department in 2002, said, "The patients, their families and the hospital staff are in capable, expert hands under the leadership of Dr. McClure. She is a trusted colleague and friend. With her guidance the facility will continue to provide the highest quality services for the people of Southwest Virginia."

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